



LOWER ALFORD LAKE DAM

NDI No.- PA 00053
PennDER No.-58-47
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Dam Owners: William Deininger, David Deininger Louis Fortuna, John Fortuna

PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT.

NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM



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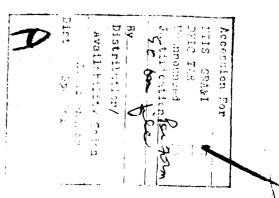
PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams," for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I Investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through frequent inspections can unsafe conditions be detected and only through continued care and maintenance can these conditions be prevented or corrected.

Phase I Inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established guidelines, the spillway design flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The spillway design flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.



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Lower Alford Dam, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania NDI No. PA 00053, PennDER No. 58-47 Martins Creek Inspected 30 October 1980

ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

Lower Alford Dam is owned by William Deininger, David Deininger, Louis Fortuna, and John Fortuna. Lower Alford Dam is classified as a "High" hazard - "Small" size dam. The dam was found to be in good overall condition at the time of inspection.

Hydraulic/hydrologic evaluations, performed in accordance with procedures established by the Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers, for Phase I Inspection Reports, revealed that the spillway will pass approximately 3.5, percent of the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) before overtopping will occur. A spillway design flood (SDF) in the range of the 1/2 Probable Maximum Flood (1/2 PMF) to the PMF is required for Lower Alford Dam. The 1/2 PMF was chosen for the SDF as the dam is on the low end of the "Small" size category. Because the total duration and maximum depth of overtopping under the 1/2 PMF (20.50 hours and 4.17 feet, respectively) exceeds the limiting criteria estimated for failure of the dam (5 hours and 4.0 feet), it was determined that dam failure is likely under 1/2 PMF conditions. Further analyses indicated that the downstream damages would increase significantly as a result of failure of the dam. The spillway is therefore considered "Seriously Inadequate." The owners should immediately initiate an engineering study to further evaluate the spillway capacity and to develop recommendations for remedial measures to reduce the overtopping potential of the dam.

In summary, Lower Alford Dam is classified as being in an "Unsafe" - "Non-emergency" condition because of the results of the hydraulic/hydrologic evaluations.___

The inspection and review of information revealed certain items of work which should be performed immediately by the owners. Item I below should be designed and completed under the guidance of a qualified professional engineer experienced in the design of hydraulic structures for dams.

1) Initiate an engineering study to further evaluate the spillway capacity in order to develop recommendations for remedial measures to reduce the overtopping potential of the dam.

LOWER ALFORD DAM

2) Cut the brush and trees located on the right downstream face of the dam.

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- 3) Remove the debris and cut the vegetation in the downstream channel.
- 4) Provide means to draw down reservoir during an emergency.

In addition, the following operational measures are recommended to be undertaken by the owners:

- 1) Develop a detailed emergency operation and warning system.
- 2) During periods of unusually heavy rain, provide around-the-clock surveillance of the dam.
- 3) When warning of a storm of major proportions is given by the National Weather Service, activate the emergency operation and warning system.

It is further recommended that formal inspection, maintenance, and operation procedures and records be developed and implemented. An emergency drawdown plan should be developed in case emergency drawdown of the reservoir should become necessary. These should be included in a formal maintenance and operations manual for the dam.

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Overall View of Dam from Left Abutment

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SECTION 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 GENERAL

- a. Authority The Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a program of inspection of dams throughout the United States.
- b. <u>Purpose of Inspection</u> The purpose of the inspection is to determine if the dam constitutes a hazard to human life or property.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

a. Description of Dam and Appurtenances - Lower Alford Dam consists of an earthfill embankment with dry stone masonry walls for the upstream and downstream slopes. The dam is approximately 120 feet long and 14.5 feet high, with a crest width of 15 feet.

The spillway consists of a concrete broad crested weir located at the left abutment of the dam. The spillway length is 48.5 feet perpendicular to the direction of flow with stone training walls rising approximately 1 foot above the crest of the spillway. The flow then falls approximately 14 feet into a stone-lined plunge pool.

Two abandoned tailrace structures, 3 ft. by 3 ft. and 7 in. by 10 in. stone conduits, are located to the right of the spillway. They are sealed off at the upstream side.

- b. Location Lower Alford Dam is located on Martins Creek, 3.4 miles north-northwest of Kingsley, in Harford Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. The coordinates of the dam are N 41° 48.4', W 75° 46.4'. The dam is located on USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle, Montrose East, Pennsylvania
- c. Size Classification The height of the dam is 14.5 feet. Storage at the top of the dam [Elevation 1035.6 ft. M.S.L.] is 315 acre-feet. The dam is therefore in the "Small" size category.

- d. Hazard Classification Loss of life could occur from a failure of the dam since two residential structures are located within 1,000 feet downstream. Therefore, Lower Alford Dam is considered in the "High" hazard category.
- e. Ownership The dam is owned jointly by four people. They are:

William Deininger Box 294 RD 3 Ranson Road Clarks Summit, PA 18411

David Deininger 101 Billy Lane Taylor, PA

Louis Fortuna 433 Whales Street Scranton, PA

John Fortuna 501 Powell Street Taylor, PA

- f. Purpose of Dam The impoundment created by the dam was originally used for water power but is now used for recreational purposes.
- g. Design and Construction History It could not be determined who the contractor or engineer was or when the dam was constructed. The earliest available records of the dam date back to 1919.
- h. Normal Operational Procedures The reservoir is typically maintained at the spillway crest (Elevation 1034.0 ft. M.S.L.). The owner visits the dam at least once a week and more frequently in the warmer months.

1.3 PERTINENT DATA

a. Drainage Area (square miles) -

5.34

b. Discharge at Dam Site (c.f.s.) -

Maximum Flood -

Unknown

	Spillway Capacity (at Pool El. 1035.6 ft. M.S.L.) -	250
c.	Elevation (feet above Mean Sea Level [M.S.L.	<u>])*</u> -
	Design Top of Dam - Minimum Top of Dam - Maximum Design Pool - Spillway Crest - Streambed at Toe of Dam - Maximum Tailwater of Record -	Unknown 1035.6 Unknown 1034.0 1021.1 Unknown
d.	Reservoir (feet) -	
	Length of Normal Pool (E1. 1034.0 ft. M.S.L.) - Length of Maximum Pool (E1. 1035.6 ft. M.S.L.) -	6350 6700
e.	Storage (acre-feet) -	
	Top of Dam (El. 1035.6 ft. M.S.L.) - Normal Pool (El. 1034.0 ft. M.S.L.) -	315 260
f.	Reservoir Surface (acres) -	
	Normal Pool (El. 1034.0 ft. M.S.L.) - Maximum Pool (El. 1035.6 ft. M.S.L.) -	34 38
g.	Dam -	
	Type - Earthfill with dry stone masonry wall Total Length (feet) - Height (feet) - Design - Field - Top Width (feet) - Side Slopes - Upstream - Downstream - Zoning -	120 Unknown 14.5 15 Vertical Vertical None
	Impervious Core - Cut-off - Drains -	None None None
h.	Diversion and Regulating Tunnel -	None

^{*}All elevations are referenced to the spillway crest of the dam, El. 1034.0 ft. M.S.L. as estimated from the USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle, Montrose East, Pennsylvania.

i. Spillway -

Type - Concrete broad crested Location - At left abutment Length of Crest Perpendicular to 48.5 Flow (feet) -Width of Crest Parallel to Flow (feet) -10 Crest Elevation (ft. M.S.L.) -1034.0 Gates -None Downstream Channel - Natural streambed; a stone pier and remnants of an old mill are located in the channel approximately 200 feet downstream from the dam.

j. Outlet Works - Two abandoned tailrace structures, 3 ft. by 3 ft. and 7 in. by 10 in. stone conduits, are both sealed off at the upstream side. These structures apparently supplied water to the abandoned mill downstream from the dam. There are no other outlet works.

SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 DESIGN

The information reviewed consisted of File No. 58-47 of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PennDER). This file contained a copy of the following information:

- The first dam inspection report on Lower Alford Dam, dated 28 August 1919.
- 2) The latest dam inspection report on Lower Alford Dam, dated 22 October 1964. The dam was reported to be in good condition at that time. No information is available concerning the design or construction of the dam.
- 3) Other inspection reports performed between the 1919 and 1964 inspections.

2.2 CONSTRUCTION

The information reviewed consisted of File No. 58-47 of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PennDER). The file contained no information concerning construction of the dam.

2.3 OPERATION

The owners of the dam are responsible for all operations and maintenance.

2.4 EVALUATION

- a. Availability The information used is readily available from PennDER File No. 58-47.
- b. Adequacy The information available is adequate for Phase I Inspection of this dam.
- c. Validity There is no reason at the present time to doubt the validity of the available engineering data.

SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 FINDINGS

- a. General The dam was found to be in good overall condition at the time of inspection on 30 October 1980. No unusual weather conditions were experienced during the inspection. Noteworthy deficiencies observed during the visual inspection of the dam are described briefly in the following paragraphs. The complete visual inspection check list, field sketch, top of dam profile, and typical cross-section are presented in Appendix A.
- b. <u>Dam</u> Some trees and brush were observed on the right downstream face of the dam. These should be cut.
- c. <u>Appurtenant Structures</u> The spillway crest is slightly irregular, however, this should not significantly affect the performance of the spillway.
- d. Reservoir Area The reservoir area has steep slopes which are densely forested. However, the slope of Martins Creek, the main tributary to Lower Alford Dam, is mild to moderate. The creek passes through several marshes before it reaches Lower Alford Dam. There is also a small dam, Upper Alford Dam, and several large masonry culverts under railroad embankments, through which Martins Creek passes in the upper portions of the watershed. Neither the upstream dam nor the masonry culverts is judged to have a significant effect on Lower Alford Dam.
- e. Downstream Channel The downstream channel is moderately sloped. There are some large trees and debris in the channel. The channel is partially obstructed by an old mill located 200 feet downstream of the dam. There is an average of 4 feet of clearance between the channel invert and the bottom of the mill. Located 500 and 1,000 feet downstream of the dam are a trailer and house, respectively, which may suffer economic damage and possible loss of lives in these structures in the event of failure of the dam.

SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 PROCEDURES

There are no formal procedures for lowering the reservoir or evacuating the downstream area in case of an impending failure of the dam. It is recommended that formal emergency procedures be adopted, prominently displayed, and furnished to all operating personnel.

4.2 MAINTENANCE OF DAM

Generally, the maintenance procedures followed are adequate; however, a more conscientious and formal maintenance program and procedures should be developed.

4.3 MAINTENANCE OF OPERATING FACILITIES

Maintenance is performed on an as-needed basis. It is recommended that a formal operation and preventive maintenance schedule be developed and implemented. An emergency drawdown plan should be developed in case emergency drawdown of the reservoir should become necessary.

4.4 DESCRIPTION OF ANY WARNING SYSTEM IN EFFECT

There is no warning system in the event of a dam failure. An emergency warning system should be developed.

4.5 EVALUATION OF OPERATIONAL ADEQUACY

The current operational features are adequate for the purpose they serve. However, it is recommended that a formal maintenance and operations manual be prepared for the dam.

SECTION 5 - HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

5.1 EVALUATION OF FEATURES

- a. <u>Design Data</u> No hydrologic or hydraulic design calculations are available for Lower Alford Dam.
- b. Experience Data No information concerning the effects of significant floods on the dam is available.
- c. <u>Visual Observation</u> This is a masonry dam with a concrete cap on the spillway. The minimum top of dam elevation is 1035.6 feet which gives a free-board of 1.6 feet. The spillway crest is irregular, being low (1034.0 feet) in the center and higher on each end with an average crest elevation of 1034.2 feet. During the visual inspection, no problems were observed which would indicate that the dam and appurtenant facilities could not perform satisfactorily during a flood event.
- d. Overtopping Potential Lower Alford Dam is a "Small" size "High" hazard dam requiring evaluation for a spillway design flood (SDF) in the range of 1/2 Probable Maximum Flood (1/2 PMF) to the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). Due to the small size of the impoundment, the 1/2 PMF was chosen as the SDF.

The hydraulic capacity of the dam, reservoir, and spillway was assessed by utilizing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Flood Hydrograph Package, HEC-1 DB. The hydrologic characteristics of the basin, specifically, the Snyder's unit hydrograph parameters, were obtained from a regionalized analysis conducted by the Baltimore District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Analysis of the dam and spillway shows that during the SDF, the dam will be overtopped by a maximum depth of 4.17 feet for a duration of 20.50 hours.

The spillway is capable of passing only 3.5 percent of the PMF before overtopping occurs.

e. Spillway Adequacy - As outlined in the above analyses, the spillway cannot pass the SDF before overtopping occurs. The next criteria for determining spillway adequacy requires an estimate of whether the dam will fail during the 1/2 PMF. The following conditions, as well as the overall state

of the dam, were estimated as the limiting criteria which are likely to cause failure of the dam.

- Depth of overtopping of 4.0 feet or greater.
- 2) Duration of overtopping in excess of 5 hours.

Both of these criteria are exceeded during the 1/2 PMF, indicating the dam is likely to fail. To assess the impact of the dam's failure on the damage centers downstream, the 1/2 PMF was routed through the dam for failure and non-failure cases. This analysis indicated that there would be a significant increase in flow magnitude and depth in the downstream damage centers from the non-failure to the failure case. It is likely that there would be a significant increase in downstream damages accompanying this increase in flow which would place this spillway in the "Seriously Inadequate" category.

SECTION 6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

- a. <u>Visual Observations</u> There were no structural inadequacies noted during the visual inspection that cause concern for the structural stability of the dam.
- b. Design and Construction Data - No design or construction data were available for review. Generally, for this type of dam, if the ratio of the width of the stonewall portion of the dam is greater than 0.5 times the height of the dam (0.5 w/h), then stability of the dam due to overturning or sliding is not a problem. (Reference: "Evaluation and Repair of Stonewall-earth Dams," by Kent A. Healy, Proceedings of "Safety of Small Dams" conference, New England College, Henniker, New Hampshire, August 4-9, 1974, pp. 149-178). The w/h ratio for this dam is approximately one and no signs of instability were observed during the visual inspection, therefore, further assessments of the structural stability are not considered necessary.
- c. Operating Records No operating records are available.
- d. <u>Post-Construction Changes</u> No changes adversely affecting the structural stability of the dam have been performed.
- e. Seismic Stability The dam is located in Seismic Zone l of the "Seismic Zone Map of the Contiguous United States," Figure l, page D-30, "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams." This is a zone of minor seismic activity. Therefore, further consideration of the seismic stability is not warranted.

7.1 DAM ASSESSMENT

- Safety Lower Alford Dam was found to be in good overall condition at the time of inspection. Lower Alford Dam is a "High" hazard - "Small" size dam requiring evaluation for an SDF in the range of the 1/2 PMF to PMF. Because of the small size of the impoundment, the 1/2 PMF was chosen as the SDF. As presented in Section 5, the spillway and reservoir were determined to have a capacity of only 3.5 percent of the PMF before overtopping of the dam will occur. During the 1/2 PMF, the maximum depth and total duration of overtopping are 4.17 feet and 20.50 hours, respectively. These exceed the limiting criteria for failure of 4.0 feet or greater maximum depth of overtopping and a total duration in excess of 5 hours estimated for this dam. Therefore, it was concluded that failure of the dam is likely to occur during the 1/2 PMF event. Further, the 1/2 PMF was routed downstream for failure and non-failure cases, and it was determined that failure would significantly increase the damages downstream. The spillway is therefore classified as "Seriously Inadequate" and the dam is assessed as being in an "Unsafe" -"Non-emergency" condition.
- b. Adequacy of Information The information available and the measurements and observations made during the visual inspection are considered sufficient for this Phase I Inspection Report.
- c. <u>Urgency</u> The owner should immediately initiate the further investigation as discussed in paragraph 7.1.d.
- d. Necessity for Additional Data/Evaluation The hydraulic/hydrologic analyses performed for this dam has indicated the need for additional spillway capacity. It is recommended that the owners of Lower Alford Dam immediately initiate an engineering study to further evaluate the spillway capacity and to develop recommendations for reducing the overtopping potential of the dam. This study should result in the implementation of the necessary remedial measures.

7.2 RECOMMENDATIONS REMEDIAL MEASURES

The inspection and review of information revealed certain items of work which should be immediately performed by the owners. Item I below should be designed and completed under the guidance of a qualified professional engineer experienced in the design of hydraulic structures for dams.

- 1) Initiate an engineering study to further evaluate the spillway capacity in order to develop recommendations for remedial measures to eliminate the overtopping potential of the dam.
- 2) Cut the brush and trees located on the right downstream face of the dam.
- 3) Remove the debris and cut the vegetation in the downstream channel.
- 4) Provide means to draw down reservoir during an emergency.

In addition, the following operational measures are recommended to be undertaken by the owners:

- Develop a detailed emergency operation and warning system.
- 2) During periods of unusually heavy rain, provide around-the-clock surveillance of the dam.
- When warning of a storm of major proportions is given by the National Weather Service, activate the emergency operation and warning system.

It is further recommended that formal inspection, maintenance, and operation procedures and records be developed and implemented. An emergency drawdown plan should be developed in case an emergency drawdown of the reservoir should become necessary. These should be included in a formal maintenance and operations manual.

APPENDIX A

VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST, FIELD SKETCH, TOP OF DAM PROFILE, AND TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION

Check List Visual Inspection Phase 1

Name of Dam <u>Lower Alf</u>	ord Dam County	Susquehanna	State PA	Coordinates	Lat. N 41°48.4'
NDI # PA 00053 PennDER # 58-47					Long. <u>W 75°46.4</u> '
Date of Inspection	30 October 1980	Weathe	overcast_	Tempo	erature 40° F.
Dool Flourtion at Time	of Ingrestion	034.2	m. 12		1021.3
Pool Elevation at Time	or inspection	It. M.S.L.	Tallwater at	Time of Inspect	ion <u>ft.*</u> M.S.L.
*All elevations refe estimated from the	erenced to the sp USGS 7.5 minute	illway crest of topographic qua	the dam, El. drangle, Montr	1034.0 ft. M.S. cose East, Penns	L. as ylvania.
Inspection Personnel:					
Inspectation reposition	Michael Baker, J	r., Inc.:		Owner's Represen	ntatives:
	James G. Ulinski Wayne D. Lasch Jeffrey S. Maze				

James G. Ulinski

Recorder

MASONRY DAMS

Name of Dam: LOWER ALFORD DAM

NDI # PA G0053 VISUAL EXAMINATION OF OBSERVATIONS REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS None observed LEAKAGE STRUCTURE TO Good condition ABUTMENT/EMBANKMENT JUNCTIONS DRAINS None observed WATER PASSAGES Not Applicable There are some trees and brush on the right downstream face of the dam. **VEGETATION** The trees and brush should be cut. FOUNDATION No problems observed

MASONRY DAMS

Name of Dam: LOWER ALFORD DAM NDI # PA 00053 VISUAL EXAMINATION OF OBSERVATIONS REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS SURFACE CRACKS CONCRETE SURFACES None observed STRUCTURAL CRACKING Not Applicable VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL Good ALIGNMENT MONOLITH JOINTS Not Applicable Not Applicable CONSTRUCTION JOINTS

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	EMBANKMENT - Not App	plicable
Name of Dam LOWER ALFORD DAM NDI # PA 00053		
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS		
UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE		
SLOUGHING OR EROSION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT SLOPES		

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EMBANKMENT - Not Applicable

Name of Dam LOWER ALFORD DAM		
NDI # PA 00053		
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CREST		
RIPRAP FAILURES		

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EMBANKMENT - Not Applicable

Name of Dam LOWER ALFORD DAM		
NDI # PA 00053		
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
JUNCTION OF EMBANKMENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLWAY AND DAM		
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE		
STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER		
DRAINS		

OUTLET WORKS

Name of Dam: LOWER ALFORD DAM NDI # PA 00053 OBSERVATIONS REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS VISUAL EXAMINATION OF Not Applicable CRACKING AND SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT INTAKE STRUCTURE Intake structure to both conduits sealed shut by owner. OUTLET STRUCTURE Good condition Good condition OUTLET CHANNEL None observed EMERGENCY GATE

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UNGATED SPILLWAY

Name of Dam: LOWER ALI	FORD DAM	
NDI # PA 00053		
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE WEIR	Good condition	
APPROACH CHANNEL	Good condition	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	Good condition	
BRIDGE AND PIERS	None	

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	GATED SETEMAT - NOC A	photicante
Name of Dam: LOWER ALFORD DAM NDI # PA 00053		
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE SILL		
APPROACH CHANNEL		
DISCHARGE CHANNEL		
BRIDGE AND PIERS		
GATES AND OPERATION EQUIPMENT		

INSTRUMENTATION

Name of Dam: LOWER ALF	ORD DAM	
NDI # PA 00053 VISUAL EXAMINATION	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS	None observed	
OBSERVATION WELLS	None observed	
WEIRS	None observed	
PIEZOMETERS	None observed	
OTHER		

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RESERVOIR

Name of Dam: LOWER ALFORD DAM

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VISUAL EXAMINATION OF

OBSERVATIONS REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

SLOPES

Fairly steep to steep with good growth of ground cover and trees. $\,$

SEDIMENTATION

Upper end of reservoir is mostly marshy. Sedimentation in the reservoir is not believed to have a significant affect on the performance of the dam and reservoir

during a flood event.

UPSTREAM DAM

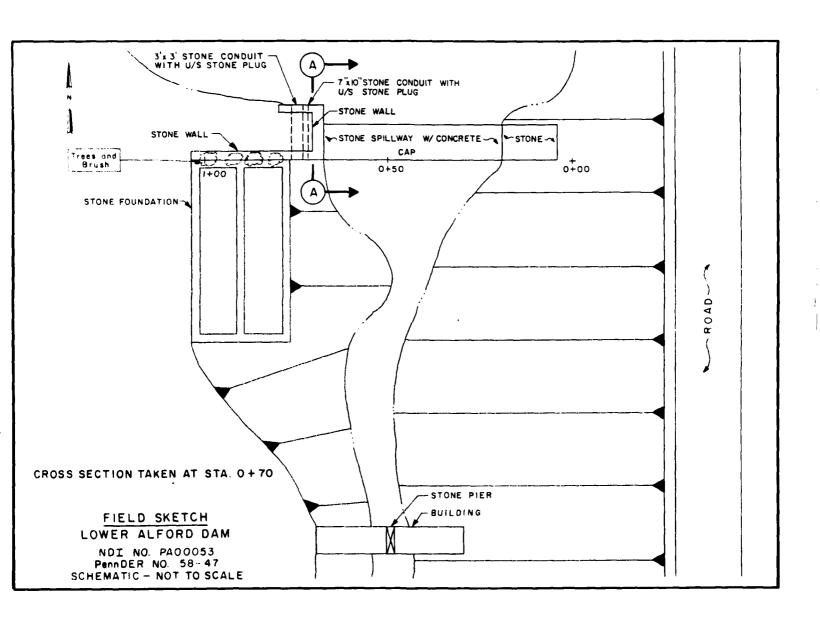
Upper Alford Dam upstream is considered to have insignificant impact on Lower Alford

Dam.

DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

Name of Dam: LOWER ALFORD DAM
NDI # PA 00053

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONDITION (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.)	An old mill is located over the channel approximately 200 ft. downstream of the dam. There is an average of 4 ft. of clearance between the channel invert and the soffit of the mill. Both vegetation and debris are in the channel.	Remove debris and cut the vegetation.
SLOPES	The downstream channel is moderately sloped.	
APPROXIMATE NO. OF HOMES AND POPULATION	One trailer and one house may suffer economic damage downstream of the dam. Loss of life may occur in the trailer if the dam should fail.	



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MICHAEL BAKER, JR., INC. THE BAKER ENGINEERS LOWER ALFORD DAM Box 280 TOP OF DAM PROFILE Beaver, Pa. 15009 TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION DATE OF INSPECTION: 27 October 1980 DOWNSTREAM 71/KINUA TOP OF DAMP -ELEV. = 1035.6 FT. SPILLWAY ELEV. . 1034.0 FT STATION (LOOKING 0740 STATION HORIZONTAL SECTION TELEY 1034.2' (ELEV. 1035.9 FT. WOTH . HORIZONTAL TYPICAL CROSS 0010 9 0+30 100 1030 00+0 (75W LBBS) NOILHABTS

ELEVATION (PEET HSU)

APPENDIX B

ENGINEERING DATA CHECK LIST

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CHECK LIST ENGINEERING DATA DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION

Name of Dam: LOWER ALFORD DAM

NDI # PA 00053	REMARKS
PLAN OF DAM	No information available. See Field Sketch, Plate 3.
REGIONAL VICINITY MAP	A USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle, Montrose East, Pennsylvania, was used to prepare the vicinity map which is enclosed in this report as Plate 1.
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY	No information available
TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM	No information available. See typical cross section, Plate 4.
HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC DATA	No information available
OUTLETS - PLAN	No information available
- DETAILS	No information available
- CONSTRAINTS	No information available
~ DISCHARGE RATINGS	No information available
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RAINFALL/RESERVOIR RECORDS	None

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REMARKS

DESIGN REPORTS

No information available

GEOLOGY REPORTS

No information was available. The regional geology is presented as $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Appendix}}\xspace \ensuremath{\mathsf{F}}\xspace$ of this report.

DESIGN COMPUTATIONS
HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULICS
DAM STABILITY
SEEPAGE STUDIES

No information available

MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS BORING RECORDS LABORATORY FIELD No information available

POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM

None

BORROW SOURCES

No information available

Name of Dam: LOWER ALFORD DAM

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REMARKS

MONITORING SYSTEMS

None

MODIFICATIONS

The weir of the dam was replaced with a concrete broadcrested weir in 1980, and the outlet works were plugged by the owner in 1942.

HIGH POOL RECORDS

No information available

POST-CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

STUDIES AND REPORTS

No detailed engineering reports other than the 28 August 1919 Water Supply Commission Inspection are available. A number of inspection reports are available in the PennDER file, including the latest recorded inspection on 22 October 1964 by PennDER.

PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR FAILURE OF DAM DESCRIPTION

REPORTS

None reported in the information available.

MAINTENANCE **OPERATION** RECORDS

None available

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Name of Dam: LOWER ALFORD DAM

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REMARKS

SPILLWAY PLAN,

No information available

SECTIONS, and DETAILS

OPERATING EQUIPMENT PLANS & DETAILS

None observed

CHECK LIST HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC DATA ENGINEERING DATA

DRAINAGE A	AREA CHARACTERISTICS: 5.34 sq.mi., moderate to steep
	slopes, wooded
ELEVATION	TOP NORMAL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 1034.0 ft. M.S.L.
	(260 acft.)
ELEVATION	TOP FLOOD CONTROL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 1035.6 ft. M.S.1
	(315 acft.)
ELEVATION	MAXIMUM DESIGN POOL: Unknown
ELEVATION	TOP DAM: 1035.6 ft. M.S.L. (minimum crest elevation)
SPILLWAY:	Rectangular channel with concrete cap
a. b. c.	Crest Elevation 1034.0 ft. M.S.L. Type Rectangular channel Width of Crest Parallel to Flow 10 ft.
đ.	Length of Crest Perpendicular to Flow 48.5 ft.
e. f.	Location Spillover Right side of embankment Number and Type of Gates None
OUTLET WO	RKS: None
a.	Type
	Location Entrance Inverts
	Exit Inverts
	Emergency Drawdown Facilities
HYDROMETE	OROLOGICAL GAGES: None
a.	Type
	Location
c.	Records
MAXIMUM NO	ON-DAMAGING DISCHARGE Unknown

APPENDIX C

PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION PLAN AND PHOTOGRAPHS

DETAILED PHOTOGRAPH DESCRIPTIONS

Overall View of Dam from Left Abutment

Photograph Location Plan

- Photo 1 View of Upstream Side of Dam from Right Abutment
- Photo 2 View of Crest of Dam from Right Abutment
- Photo 3 View of Crest of Dam from Left Abutment
- Photo 4 View of Downstream Side of Dam from Right Abutment
- Photo 5 View of Downstream Side of Dam from Left Abutment
- Photo 6 View of Downstream Channel from Crest of Dam
- Photo 7 View of Abandoned Tailrace Structure
- Photo 8 Inside View of Abandoned Tailrace Structure

Note: Photographs were taken on 30 October 1980.

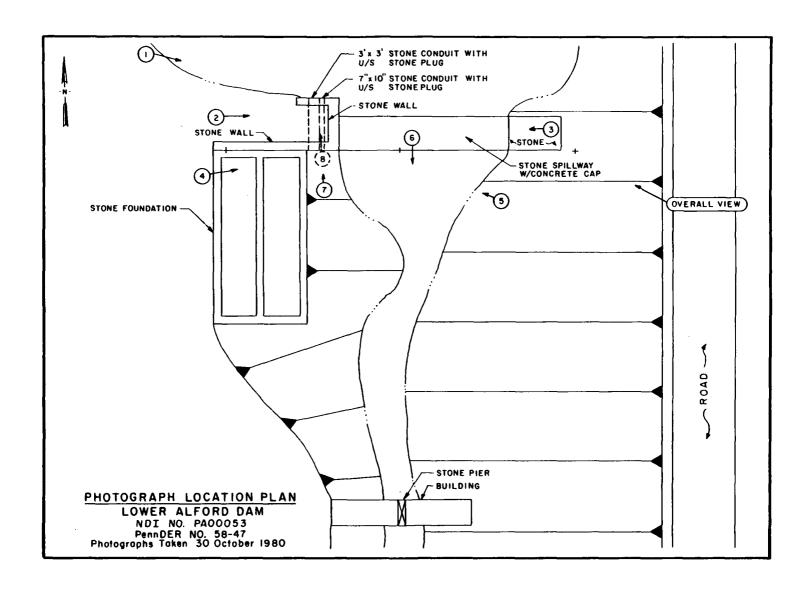




PHOTO 1. View of Upstream Side of Dam from Right Abutment

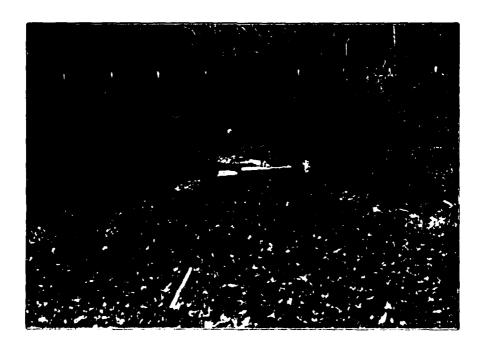


PHOTO 2. View of Crest of Dam from Right Abutment



PHOTO 3. View of Crest of Dam from Left Abutment



PHOTO 4. View of Downstream Side of Dam from Right Abutment

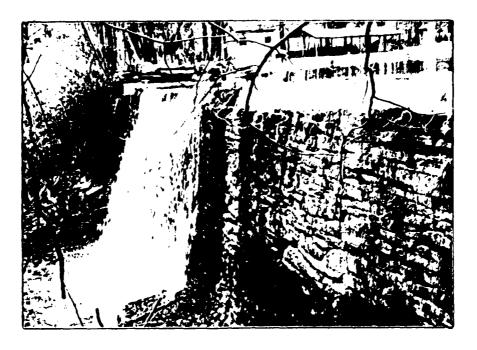


PHOTO 5. View of Downstream Side of Dam from Left Abutment



PHOTO 6. View of Downstream Channel from Crest of Dam



PHOTO 7. View of Abandoned Tailrace Structure



PHOTO 8. Inside View of Abandoned Talirace Structure

APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

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PREFACE

HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

The hydrologic determinations presented in this Phase I Inspection Report are based on the use of a Snyder's unit hydrograph developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Due to the limited number of gaging stations available in this hydrologic region and the wide variations of watershed slopes, the Snyder's coefficients may yield results of limited accuracy for this watershed. As directed however, a further refinement of these coefficients is beyond the scope of this Phase I Investigation.

In addition, the conclusions presented pertain to present conditions, and the effect of future development on the hydrology has not been considered.

HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS DATA BASE

ROBABLE MAXIMUM PRECIPITATION	(PMP) - 21.0 INC	HES/24 HOURS (1)			
STATION	1	2	3	4	5
Station Description	LOWER ALFORD DAM				-
erainage Arca (square miles)	5.34				
Complative Drainage Area square miles)	5.34				
Adjustment of PMF (for Orainage Area (%)	ZONE 1				
6 Hours 12 Hours 24 Hours 44 hours 72 Hours	111% 123% 133% 142%				
Lyder Hydrograph Parameters					
Zone (5)	11				
c _p /c _t (")	0.62/1.50				
L (mlles) (4)	5.72				
L _{ca} (miles) (S)	2.77				
$t_p = C_t (L \cdot L_{ca})^{0.3}$ (hours)	3.44				
pillway Data Crest Length (ft) Freeboard (ft) Discharge Coefficient Exponent	48.5 1.6 (DISCHARGE RATING CURVE DEVELOPED ON SHEET 5)				
(1) Hydrometeorological Report		riny, Corps of E	ngineers, 1956.		
2) Hydromereorological Report					
3) Hydrological zone defined by (C _p and C _t).				ning Snyder's to ff.	ents
Snyder's Coefficients.					

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FOREGE CALCULATIONS

FREA VS. ELEVATION DATA: (HEASURED FROM QUAP)

ELEVATION (FT)	SURFACE AREA (ACRES)
1034	33.98
1010	48.67
1060	68.67
1	

NORMAL POOL STORAGE

STORAGE VOLUME - VNP = 1/3 (A, + Az + JA, Az)

h = ESTIMATED FROM FIELD NOTES = 7.8 FT.

A, : SURFACE AREA OF NORMAL POOL = 33.98 Ac,

FZ = SURFACE AREA OF RESERVOIR BOTTOM = 32.41 Ac.

(ESTIMATED FROM AVERAGE DEPTH AND RESERVOIR SIDE SLOPES)

NORMAL POOL STORAGE: VNP = 7.8/3 (33.98 + 32.41 + V(33.98)(32.41)) VNO = 258.89 AC.-FT.

TOP OF DAM STORAGE 315 Ac.-Fr. (FROM HEC-1 ANALYSIS)

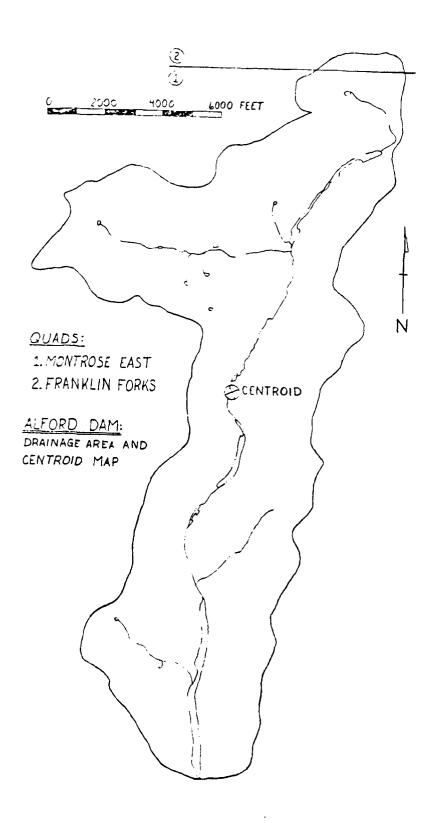
SNYDERS UNIT HYDROGRAPH PARAMETERS

1: 5.72 Mi, Len = 2.77 Mi.

WATERSHED IS IN ZONE II

 $C_p = 0.6Z$ $C_t = 1.50$ $\epsilon_p = 1.50 (L \times L_{co})^{0.3} = 3.44$ HR.

DRAINAGE AREA = 5.34 Sq. Mi.



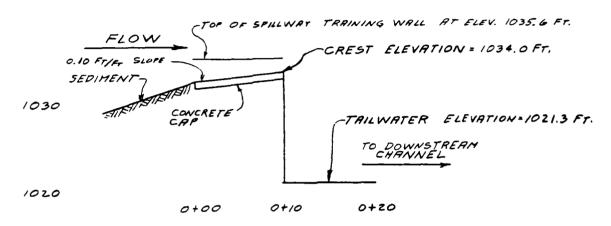
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SPILLWAY PROFILE



SPILLWAY DISCHARGE RATING

DEVELOP RATING CURVE BASED UPON CRITICAL FLOW OVER SPILLWAY:

(CHOW, OPEN CHANNEL HYDRAULICS, P. 43)

9: 32.2 Fr/SEC2

D = MEAN HYDRAULIC DEPTH = FREE SURPACE TOP WIDTH = T

V : MEAN FLOW VELOCITY

Q= AV

SPILL WAY ELEVATION, FT.	FLOW PEPT	PAER FT*	TOP WIDTH,	34	V. Frisec.	Q, CF5	1/29	RESERVOIR SURFACE, FT
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1034.8	0.8	23,2B	48.5	0.48	3.93	91.52	0.24	1035.04
1035.0	1.0	37.83	48.5	0.78	5.01	189.59	0.39	1035.39
1035.5	1.5	62.08	48.5	1,28	6.42	398.55	0.64	1036.14
1035.6	1.6	66.93	48.5	1.38	6.67	446.16	0.69	1036.29
1036.0	2.0	86.33	48.5	1.78	7.57	653.58	0.89	1036.89
1036.5	2.5	110.58	48.5	2.28	8.57	947.48	1.14	1037.64
1037.0	3.0	134.83	48.5	2.78	9.46	1,275.67	1.39	1038.37
1038.0	4.0	183.33	40.5	3.78	11.03	2,022.59	1.89	1039.89
1039.0	5.0	231.83	18.5	4.78	12.41	2, 8.76.15	2.39	1041.39
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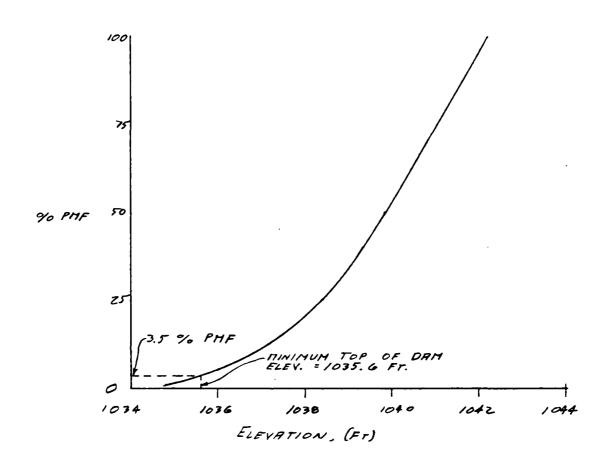
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FAILURE ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. FRILURE TAKES PLACE AS THE DEPTH OF OVERTOPPING NEARS ITS MAXIMUM.
- 2. THE DAM FAILS ALONG ITS ENTIRE CREST LENGTH.
- 3. BECAUSE THIS IS A MASONRY DAM THE TOTAL DAM IS
 ASSUMED TO FAIL. FAILURE WILL OCCUR MODERATELY
 RAPID. (0.5 HRS. DURATION)
- 4. FRILURE DEPTH WILL BE TO THE RESERVOIR BOTTOM.

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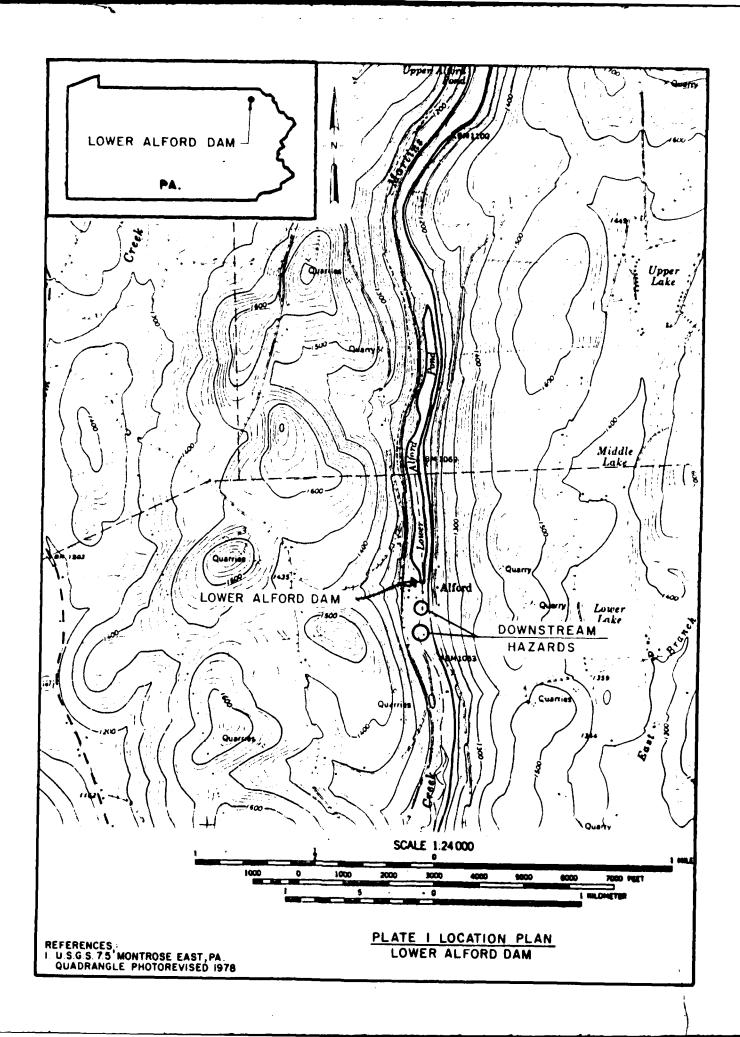
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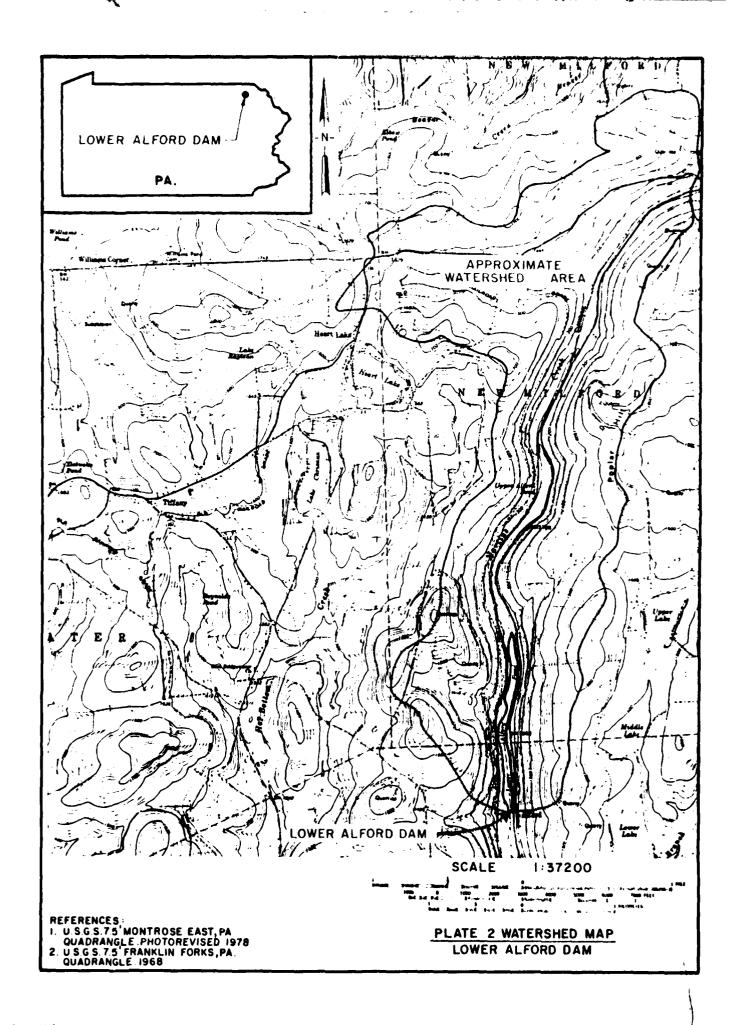
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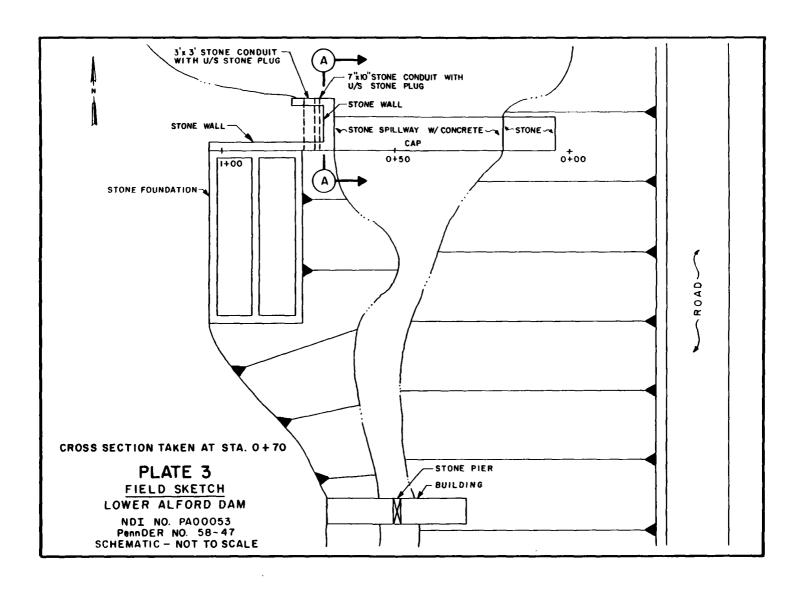
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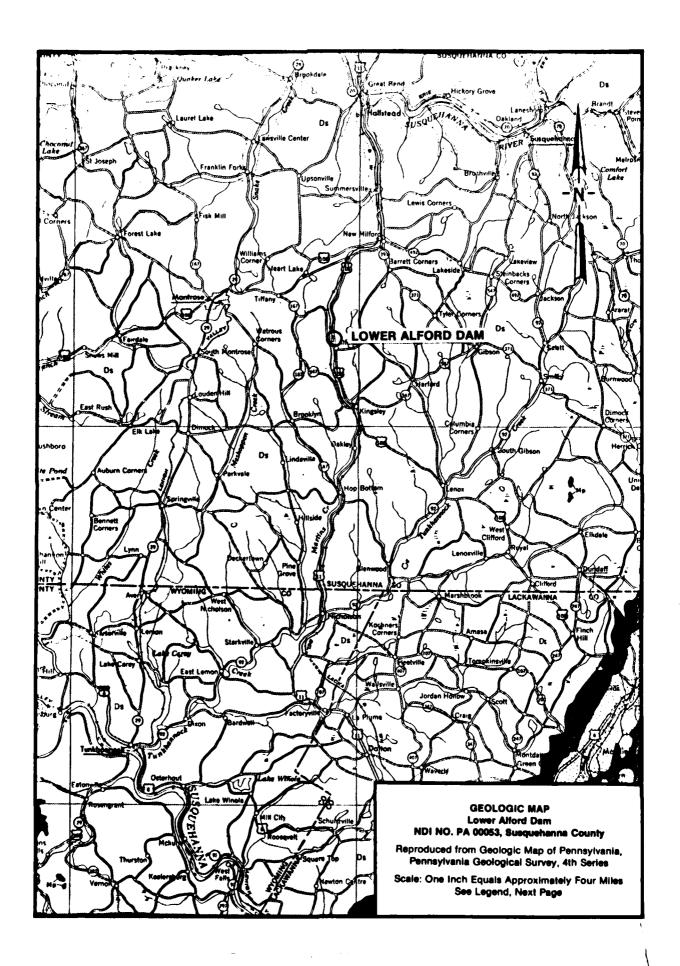
REGIONAL GEOLOGY

LOWER ALFORD DAM NDI No. PA 00053, PennDER No. 58-47

REGIONAL GEOLOGY

Lower Alford Dam is located in the Glaciated Low Plateaus physiographic province. The area has been glaciated at least three times and is presently covered with Wisconsin Stage deposits. The land drains to the south and has a maximum relief of approximately 500 feet. According to the Soil Conservation Service's Soil Survey for Susquehanna County, the surface soils in the vicinity of the dam consist primarily of silt loams on the valley floor and very stoney, silt loams on the valley walls. All soils are of the Mardin-Volusia-Oquaga association. No test boring data were available for review, thus, the thickness of this overburden is difficult to ascertain.

Geologic references indicate that the bedrock in the vicinity of the dam consists of members of the Catskill Formation in the Susquehanna Group. The Catskill Formation contains red and gray shales and sandstones of Upper Devonian age. The formation may also contain scattered, thin, streaks of coal and scattered fish remains. The strata near Lower Alford Pond were deposited in a bay or delta front environment and remain essentially horizontal after the Appalachian Uplift.



GEOLOGY MAP LEGEND

DEVONIAN UPPER

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA



Oswayo Formation

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sandstones becoming increasingly shalin
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and Crawford Countries, probably not
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Cattaraugus Formation

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Conneaut Group

Alternating gray, brown, greenish and purplish shales and sittslones, includes pink rock" of drillers and "Chemung" and "Garard" Formations of northwest-ern Pennsylvania.



Canadaway Formation

Alternating brown shales and sandstones; includes "Portage" Formation of north-wistern Pennsylvania.



Oswayo Formation

Nawayo ro matton Brownish and greenish gray, fine and medium grained similations with some shifes and scattered calcarcous lenses, includes red shales which become more numerous eastward. Relation to type Oswayo not proved.

CENTRAL AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA



Catakill Formation

Chrefty red to brownish shales and sand-stones, includes gray and greenish soni-stone tongues named Eth Mountain, Honesdate, Shohola, and Delaware River



Susquehanna Group

Barbed line is "Chemung-Catskill" con-tact of Second Pennsylvania Survey County reports, barbs on "Chemung" side of line



Marine beds

maine tretus Gray to olive brown shales, graywackes, and sandstunes, contains "Chemung" beds and "Portage" beds including Burket, Hralter, Hurrell, and Trimmers Rock, Tully Limestone at buse.



MIDDLE AND LOWER



Mahantango Formation

Brown to olive shale with interbedded sandstones which are dominant in places (Montebello), highly fossitiferous in upper part; contains "Centerfield coral bed" in eastern Pennsylvania.



Black, Jissile, carbonaceous shale with thick, brown sandstone (Turkey Ridge) in parts of central Pennsylvania.



Onondaga Formation

OHOMORGE POTTACION
Greenish blus, thin bedded shale and dark
blus to black, medium bedded limestone
with shale predominant in most places,
includes Schingrove Limestone and Needmore Shale in central Punnylvania and
Buttermith Palls Limestone and Ecopus
Shale in casterimost Pennylvania, in
Lekigh Gap area includes Palmerton
Sandstone and Howmanstown Chert.





Oriskany Formation

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Hamilton Group

Helderberg Formation

Helderberg Formation
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